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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, [5]

## DEATH.

On the 11th December, at 9 15 a.m., WILLIAM HONFRAY FULLER DARBY.  
The funeral will take place to-morrow, and will leave the Monument, Happy Valley, at 4 p.m. [1557]

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1889.

The principal cause of the present deadlock in the commercial circles of this colony is want of money. This is, of course, the immediate and direct cause of all crises and dead-locks in the world of commerce; but in Hongkong just now there are dozens of men hard pressed for money who are actually wealthy. They possess valuable securities which, according to the regulations in vogue amongst the local banks, are not negotiable. In our Share List there are at least a dozen stocks, occupying a substantial position so far as can be ascertained, which the banks refuse to accept as valid securities for advances, and consequently happens that whenever any financial trouble arises in the Share Market vexatious difficulties are experienced by holders of these stocks in meeting their engagements. For obvious reasons we refrain from particularising the stocks which the banks decline to finance, but they are well known to all interested. It is therefore with great pleasure that we hail the advent of the "Trust and Loan Company of China, Japan, and the Straits, Limited," an institution that would appear to have been specially established to meet the difficulties noted above. This new Company will advance money on all securities of faltering value; in fact, the scope of its operations will, to use a very hackneyed phrase, supply a long felt want, in undertaking a class of business that the banks, under a mistaken notion in our opinion, have persistently ignored. It is only fair to say in this connection that the local managers of the banks have merely acted under instructions from head-quarters; had these gentlemen been left with a free hand there can be little doubt that advances, within the bounds of discretion, would have been freely made on stocks that are now considered as "outside the pale."

Some particulars of this new scheme will be found in our advertising columns. The capital is £1,000,000 sterling, in one hundred thousand shares of £10 each, which are issued at ten shillings premium, thus giving a reserve fund of £500,000, less charges of formation, etc. In short, with the Board of Directors in London include Messrs. W. KESWICK, ADOLF ANDER, F. D. SASSON, S. W. POMEROY, JR., and D. McLEAN, all of them men of influence who are favorably known in the Far East.

The Committee in Hongkong is composed of the Hon. J. J. KESWICK, the Hon. C. P. CHATER, and Mr. W. H. FORBES, of Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.—about as influential a trio as could be found in this part of the world. We do not enter into the Company's prospects of success; the advertisement already referred to speaks for itself, and is a sufficient guide for those who feel inclined to invest. But we would point out that the Trust and Loan Company is bound to effect a very great improvement in local stocks generally. Business has been stagnant for weeks past, and simply because money has been difficult to get at, even by persons whose financial positions were assured. Think of the singular anomaly that the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the leading institution of the kind in the Far East, will not, unless as a special favor, make any advances on its own shares! The Land and Trust Company will not hesitate to lend money on scrip that is practically as good security as Government bonds. The Land Investment Company only makes advances on property, so that this new concern cannot interfere with its special business; in fact, the presence of Messrs. J. J. KESWICK and C. P. CHATER on the Committee of the Land and Trust Company is a sufficient guarantee that the interests of the Land Investment Co. will not be imperilled, but rather the contrary. It is the darkest hour before the dawn; this new Company promises to introduce a good deal of much-needed light into the financial system which has hampered commercial progress in Hongkong for so many years.

## TELEGRAMS.

## THE STRIKES IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, December 9th.  
The coal porters and gasmen in London will go out on strike next week.  
In Manchester total darkness prevails, owing to the gasmen's strike, and because the stock of oil and candles is exhausted. The churches and a number of factories are closed.

## HONORS TO JEFF. DAVIS.

Universal mourning is ordered for Jefferson Davis throughout the South.

## (Havas Agency.)

## FRANCE AND INDO-CHINA.

PARIS, December 1st.  
The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies has sent a circular notification to the Chambers of Commerce in France, ordering that a certificate of French manufacture be appended to the fabrics sent to French Indo-China.

## A WAR NOTE.

December 2nd.  
The German military journals state that the small garrisons in the interior are to be suppressed shortly, and sent to swell the defences opposite the French and Russian (?) frontiers.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE conditions for the Hongkong Derby for 1890 are advertised in another column.

A VERY distinct earthquake occurred at Lao-kay, Tonquin, on the 18th ult., lasting two seconds.

The famous Scotch racing yacht *Thistle* has been purchased from the Glasgow syndicate who built her, and will appear as a yawl next season.

OWING to the lamented death of Mr. W. H. F. Darby, President of the Hongkong Cricket Club, the match proposed for Friday and Saturday next will be postponed.

At the regular lodge of Star of Southern China, Canton, held the other evening, Wor. Bro. J. D. Christie, P.M., was elected Worshipful Master, and Bro. S. N. Karanjia, Treasurer for the evening year.

UNDERTAKER: "What kind of trimmings will you have on the coffin?" Widow: "None whatever, a plain casket. It is trimming that killed him." Undertaker: "What?" Widow: "Yes. Delirium tremens."

It was telegraphed from London on November 22nd that "French and United States war ships have gone to Rio." The two great Republics evidently meant to give their young South American brother their moral support—if nothing else.

A SPECIAL collection of Fine Art Pictures, comprising Landscapes, well-known Home Scenes, &c., in Oils, is now on view at The Hall & Holz Co., Limited. Prices are exceptionally moderate, and the pictures would make eminently useful and acceptable Xmas Presents.—*Advt.*

AMONG the provisions which are now required for the voyage across the Atlantic of a crack steamer are 20,000 pounds of meat, 2,000 pound of fresh fish, 10,000 eggs, 2,000 head of poultry, 300 large tins of sardines, 24 barrels of flour, 6 tons of potatoes, 20 barrels of apples and 14 boxes of lemons, with corresponding quantities of tea, coffee, cocoa, sugar, butter, hams, tongues and sauces.

We would remind our Masonic readers that the installation of the W. M. of Lodge St. John, No. 618, S. C., and the investment of officers, will take place to-morrow night, when all visitors will be made cordially welcome. The District Grand Master, R. W. Bro. J. Hon. C. P. Chater will perform the installation ceremony, and the Grand Lodge officers are expected to turn out in force.

MR. De Camera, who is an amateur photographer, "Really, Miss Evelyn, I should so delight to try you by the new dry-plate process!" Miss Evelyn, who has a healthy appetite: "Why, Mr. De Camera? It would do you no good. No, indeed—no dry plate for me! I'm always awfully hungry, you know." "But you must comprehend, I would like to take you—"

BRACHCOMBING would appear to be a comfortable profession in Kobe. The *Hogo News* of the 25th ult. says:—Six days ago a couple of sailors from the American ship *L. Scheppe* were sentenced to five days' imprisonment by the United States Consul for leaving the ship without leave. On Tuesday they were put on board again, their time having expired. Upon reaching the vessel they informed the crew, in the presence of the chief mate, that the jail on shore was comfortable, the food was good, and they stay had been in every way an enjoyable one. They had therefore, a good mind to return, and if any of the other men cared to come, their company would not be looked upon as an intrusion, rather the reverse. They kept their word and left the ship yesterday morning, accompanied by another member of the crew.

On the 3rd inst., a little before the *Zambesi* left Hongkong for here, M. Charroil, of Denis Freres, was struck by the handle of the windlass as he was passing, and thrown some distance, causing internal injuries.

POOR old Imaro really was a bad actor. A Sydney paper remarks:—It has been suggested of Imaro, the baritone, whose acting lacks animation, that his sleepy style seems to say, "I've got to do this sort of thing every night, you know."

ACCORDING to the Tokyo *Nippon*, "the English Admiralty has been applied to by the Naval Department for an extension of the period of service in Japan of Captain Ingles, R.N., whose term in the ordinary course would expire in March, next. The English Admiralty has granted the request."

At the Summary Court this morning a contractor named Yu Man sued the notorious Yu Sui Wan for \$66, due for work done.—Mr. Philippo, instructed by Mr. Webber, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Dennis represented the defendant, who, naturally, was not in attendance.—The claim was for extras in connection with three houses, built in 1882. Mr. Justice Wise gave judgment for the plaintiff, with costs.

THE Rev.—no, we beg pardon, the Hon. Samuel Brown, Surveyor General, is evidently a wit of the first water. At the meeting of the Finance Committee on Monday the question of Mr. J. M. Price's famous dredger was on the tapis, the dredging of the foreshore. "Can the dredger really do the work?" queried Mr. Ryrie. "It does not do so much work as a large dredger would do," was the brilliant response of the Honourable Samuel.

THE Messageries Maritimes steamer *Arctique* is experimenting with coal from Tourane, Hongay, and Kébao, and good results have so far been attained. The launch *Phenix* had previously tested the steaming value of the Kébao coal, taken only from a depth of six metres, and found it extremely hard and slow-burning, compared with the imported fuel. There is evidently a future before the Tonquin coal-mines, and it will be worth while trying here.

ACCORDING to *Galignani*, a French captain of artillery has invented a recoiling projectile, the idea of which was suggested to him by the Australian boomerang. It strikes in the back the men placed behind a parapet, and our sprightly contemporary thinks "it will not be long before the enemy thus threatened will wear a breast-plate in the seat of his trousers." At any rate, the warrior whose wounds are not in front will now have an excellent excuse.

THIS is the sort of namby-pamby slush we find in the *Yagan Mail*:—"Sir Edwin Arnold is delighted with Japan and the Japanese, and finds there so many problems worthy of close and careful study, that he talks of prolonging his stay for six months, instead of limiting it to two as was his original intention. In that case he will probably take a house in Tokio; an event which the inhabitants of the capital will contemplate with no little pleasure." The italics are ours; no comment is necessary.

THE author, Mr. Robert Buchanan, has sent us a copy of a letter he recently addressed to Mr. Henry Mathews, Q. C., Secretary of State for Home Affairs, on the subject of the proposed suppression of so-called immoral literature. It is entitled "On descending into Hell," and although our excellent colleague of the *Chinese Mail* is a much greater authority on this sort of thing than we can pretend to be, we will nevertheless carefully read Mr. Buchanan's communication and afterwards express our views regarding it.

It appears that the Shah, after his morning bath, rubbing, perfuming, and robing, while reclining on a downy rug, half a dozen eunuchs, drinking ice water and lemonade, and a few chickens' legs and wings. His Ministers then enter for diplomatic converse. At 11 o'clock he breakfasts, with one lamb, whole, the breasts of the chickens, plates of rice, salad dishes full of cucumber, fruits, sweets and coffee. He always takes something before going out to dine; he does full justice to the banquet prepared for him, and always sups on his return. The old boy is not likely to die of starvation.

THE annual Installation Meeting of the Rising Sun Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Yokohama, on Wednesday evening, November 29th. W. M. for the evening year, Bro. L. D. Abraham, was installed by Wor. Geo. H. Whymark, I.P.M., assisted by R. W. Bro. R. Hughes, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. T. C. Thornicroft, P.M., D.D.G.M., W. Bro. R. Home Cook, P.M., P.Z., P.D.G.C., South China D.G.D.G., W. Bro. I. W. Beauchamp, P.M., and P.D.S.G.W. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—

Bro. L. D. Abraham, W.M.  
" G. H. Whymark, I.P.M.  
" James Palmer, S.W.  
" A. M. Dell, S.W.  
" R. Home Cook, P.M., P.Z., Treas.  
" A. Dwell, S.W., Secy.  
" F. J. Sanderson, S.D.  
" William Kerr, S.D.  
" William Keates, S.D.  
" G. N. Spottiswoode, Tyler.

THE attendance at the Circus still shows no signs of falling off. Last night it was crowded, and deservedly so, for the programme was considerably altered, and much improved. An intricate *paté*, by the youth and beauty and otherwise of the company, opened the proceedings, and then Skia, the hairless Jap, had a turn at juggling. He was good, and his performance, when it came to keeping himself encircled with knives he fairly broke it record. Lavart Lee, once noted for his equestrian somersaults, next appeared, but in a comparatively tame trick act. The Broth & Yalale followed, with their flying leaps, and scored the customary success. B. H. then, and later in the evening they showed themselves thoroughly good all-round performers, the marvellous free-walking of Louis, the acrobatic exhibition by Fred, and the horizontal bar performance by the two, being all extremely good. Frank Schindell fully maintained his high reputation as either rider or scrobat, and after took his grip on public attention whilst in the ring. The little Japanese rose-bud appeared twice, once in partnership with a youthful monkey-like boy on two swingle bamboo, and later in a new "breaking-ladder" act, with the venerable but clever Scadacki, Miss Alice Moore broke a few more hearts during her equestrian *paté*, and Lavart Lee was seen to advantage in his exhibition of juggling on horseback. "The boy-headed" Ghost Schindell was rehearsed with the usual effect by Messrs. Harland and Love, who will give "Circus Dick" in another night or two. The world-renowned buck-jumping skeleton "Fosco," threw the cartoon Schindell into space several times, in a travesty of "Bitten's ride to Bradford," and Myrtine, the clown, worked off a variety of jokes and otherwise in about seventeen languages, and quite set the place in a roar by his funny business with three head youths. "The band" was augmented, some of Charles's Orphanes having joined the show. The effect was *bravissimo*.

KELLY & WALSH, Ld., have sent us a copy of their "Impartial English and Chinese Diary and Almanac," one of the very best diaries we have yet seen. It should be in every office throughout China.

It is rather curious, remarks the San Francisco *Chronicle*, that the sarcastic comment of Emperor William should have spurred Queen Victoria to an attempt to reduce illiteracy in England, when the frank disclosures of those who have given their lives to the work of spreading education among the common people fell unheeded on her ear. It simply shows how few are the sources of information possessed by the Queen and how rarely she hears the plain truth about any matter, public or private. All royalties suffer a good deal from the same misfortune of the Emperor of China—they seldom come in actual contact with people who are not courtiers. Every one they see is skilled in the art of saying nothing disagreeable, and in such company truth can't flourish.

So that our readers, and especially those interested in racing, may be thoroughly posted regarding the Subscription Grifina, we append the records made in Shanghai over the six furlongs course by the nine ponies down for yesterday afternoon:—

No.	Color.	Record.	Driver.
45	white	1:30	P. Jordan.
46	white	1:37	R. Fraser-Smith.
47	br.	1:41	J. R. T. Vernon.
48	br.	1:50	J. D. Humphreys.
49	br.	1:57	W. Armstrong.
50	gr.	1:57	M. Mendel.
51	white	1:40	D. McCulloch.
52	gr.	1:41	J. J. Keswick.
53	gr.	1:38	R. M. Gray.

THE Boston *Times* tells us what a woman can do. She can come to a conclusion without the slightest trouble of reasoning on it, and no sane man can do that. Six of them can talk at once and get along first rate, and no two men can do that. She can safely stick fifty pins in her dress while he is getting one under his thumb nail. She is cool as a cucumber in a half-dressed tight dresses and skirts, while a man will sweat and fume and growl in one loose shirt. She can talk as sweet as peaches and cream to the woman she hates, while two men would be punching each other's head before they had exchanged ten words. She can throw a stone with a curve that would be a fortune to a baseball pitcher. She can say "No" in such a low voice that it means "Yes." She can sharpen a lead pencil, if you have her plenty of time and plenty of pencils. She can dance all night in a pair of shoes two sizes too small for her and enjoy every minute of the time. She can appreciate a kiss from her husband seventy years after the marriage ceremony is performed. She can go to church and afterward tell you what every woman in the congregation had on, and in some rare instances can give you some faint idea of what the text was. She can walk half the night with a colicky baby in her arms without once expressing a desire to murder the infant. She can do more in a minute than a man can do in an hour, and she can do it better. She can drink tea in twenty-four hours, and then bring him to paradise in two seconds by simply tickling him under the chin, and there does not live the mortal son of Adam's misery who can do it.

GUNNER Thompson, R.A., who was so terribly injured by the premature explosion of a cartridge whilst firing a salute on Monday, was in a dying condition this afternoon, a second operation being performed on him. Surely this, the second surgery in two years, will teach the authorities to no longer expose our handiwork of Artillery to needless danger in this way. The gun which sent poor Parnell to his last account, and wrecked Gunner Thompson's existence, was cast over fifty years ago; it is an obsolete old cannonade which is apparently never safe to load except when an accurately fitting sponge is used; and it is such artillery as these that the hapless "Drag-ropes" are expected to serve in honor of somebody who does not derive the slightest benefit from the senseless bawling. It is time this saluting business was played out. Even from an economical point of view it is a waste of money. At any rate Hongkong does not pay its enormous military contribution to support it. Take Monday's record, for instance, and see how much powder was spent. When the *Turquoise* arrived she fired 21 guns to the flag, which were returned by the shore battery. Then she saluted the Admiral with 15, which the *Impressa* returned. Then the French Consul visited Admiral de la Jaille, which meant seven more guns, and the latter called on Sir Nowell Salmon, and was received with 13. Admiral Salmon returned the visit, which cost nine more. Then the French Admiral goes to see the Governor, who is really too busy to talk to him, but there have to be thirteen more bangs. And so on. One hundred and thirty rounds, each consisting of at least five pounds of powder, plus two lives, thrown away on this senseless ceremony!

Thus the *Yagan Herald*:—Sir Edwin Arnold, the other night, in his speech at the Rokumeikan, expressed a hope that next to Japanese the English tongue would be spoken, but that is already accomplished. In Japan, as in all other parts of commercial importance in China, and in most other places of trade in the East, English after the native languages, is universally in use in the foreign communities, and the natives, when they are solicitous to acquire a foreign language, apply themselves for the most part to learn that one which they know to be the most useful, and that is English. In this country where one Japanese addresses himself to become acquainted with French or German, at least, if he applies himself to English, he is regarded as a fool. The English of the world are made use of than in all the rest of the European tongues, because it is terse, most can be said in fewest words. It may be said in these days to have become emphatically the language of Commerce. In the East, almost without an exception, the journals are published in English, and nearly all of them are English owned, and English edited. Mr. Carnegie, in his work "Triumph of Democracy" says:—"It is interesting to see how the Anglo-Saxon race leads the world in journalism. Of 23,000 newspapers, about half are American. Other papers published in English raise the total within 15,000, leaving to the rest of the world, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, India, etc., only 10,000 to divide amongst themselves. The English language gauged by those who speak it, is leaving the rest of the world more hopelessly in the rear. At the beginning of the century our tongue was spoken by 20,000,000 people, and occupied only the fifth place among behind even Spain and Russia. It now occupies first place, being spoken by more than 100,000,000. Of 355,000,000 now speaking the European languages, 20,000,000 speak English. Of course there is little question as to the coming universal language. The world is to speak English, think English, and read English." Like Aaron's rod, it devours those of the other magicians. Volapuk has been invented quite too late to have much of a chance against its universally diffused competitor. English has got such an enormous start, that it can never be overtaken or superseded. Any one may, if he chooses, learn a foreign tongue in addition to his own, but it is fast becoming a thing that must acquire English. If it be not already his mother tongue.

THE *Courier and Enquirer* says that the extra steamer *Doris*, *Freig*, *Sachow*, *Pratio*, and *Trakon* are to run between Hongkong and that port during the rice season, which shortly commences.

A LAWYER once wrote the word "Rascal" in the hat of a brother lawyer. The latter, on discovering it, entered a complaint in open court against the offender, who, he said, had not only taken his hat, but had written his own name in it!

THE *Siberian Gazette* publishes statistics showing an uninterrupted growth of Socialism. Berlin, in 1882, contained twenty-four Socialist societies; now it contains over one hundred. In Russia, in 1886, had 1,000 societies, with 58,000 members. It now has 2,200 societies, with 122,000 members.

GOOD, kind-hearted Beattie Bellwood, the variety actress, has stated in court that she provided Viscount Mandeville with money (she also paid his cab-fares) merely for the sake of his wife and family. Mandeville is heir to the Dukedom of Manchester, and Miss Beattie Bellwood probably wants to be Duchess of Manchester.

MR. W. H. F. Darby, of the firm of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., died this forenoon after a short illness. Poor Darby was one of the most popular men this colony has ever known; a full-throated cricketer, a thorough sportsman, a jolly good fellow, and a gentleman with a heart as big as a house. He had been 20 years in Hongkong, and was only 43 years of age. Mr. Darby will be sincerely regretted by all who knew him.

It was the intention of the Governor to personally attend the funeral of Gustav Parnell, who was killed on Monday whilst the shore battery was saluting the French Admiral, but unfortunately His Excellency was seriously indisposed yesterday afternoon, and had to be represented by his aide-de-camp, Capt. the Hon. St. J. Aubyn. The community at large will learn with regret that His Excellency's health is far from being as satisfactory as could be desired, and that it is more than likely that a trip home will be considered a necessity before the end of the present winter—Admiral de la Jaille was represented at the funeral by M. de la Rivière and Lieut. de Vaisseau, A.D.C.

## THE CITY HALL.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of and subscribers to the City Hall was held at noon to-day, in the Library. The Hon. J. J. Keswick presided, and Messrs. W. H. Forbes, A. P. McEwen, E. A. Solomon, H. N. Mody, and H. T. Dennis, (Secretaries) were present.

The Chairman said:—The report, which has been before the public for some days, may, I think, be taken as read, and it will I hope be considered on the whole satisfactory. There is nothing to which I need specially invite your attention as regards the items of expenditure in the accounts, which may be regarded as a fair indication of what we shall be liable for annually. As regards a reserve fund, I am sorry to fall short of expenditure, although the receipts show some improvement of late years. We are far, however, from being in a position to do without public subscriptions, or to pay interest upon the shareholders' money. We have a sum of \$512,554 at credit on 30th of June, but we are obliged to keep a sum in hand to meet any extraordinary expenditure for typewriters and other casualties. The Library and Museum continue to be appreciated by Chinese and Europeans, and the Committee have, as in former years, placed the St. Andrew's Hall and the Music Room at the disposal of religious and charitable societies. I beg to move the adoption of the Report.

Mr. McEwen seconded, and it was agreed to. There was no other business.

## THE CHINA ASSOCIATION AND THE FAR EAST.

The following letter speaks for itself:—  
China Association,  
122, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.,  
31st October, 1889.

Dear Sir,—You are no doubt aware that an Association has been formed in London for the purpose of promoting intercourse between gentlemen connected with China, Hongkong and Japan, and of representing and giving effect to the opinions of the British mercantile community in those countries.

From the copy of the Rules and Regulations which I have the pleasure to enclose, you will perceive that a strong Committee, embracing representatives of the several communities, has been formed, and I am desirous to assure you of the willingness of the Association to co-operate with your Chamber in furthering the objects set forth, whenever it seems likely that its influence can be usefully exerted.

As that influence must necessarily be more or less commensurate with the extent of membership, I would ask you to bring the existence and objects of the Association to the knowledge of your Chamber with a view to inducing gentlemen to become members.

Membership is necessarily confined to British subjects for the reason that, if it became necessary to address the Foreign Office, the latter would naturally decline to recognise other than an exclusively British Association, but as the interests of all nationalities in the Far East are nearly similar, this will scarcely diminish its representative character.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
W. KESWICK,  
Chairman.

The Chairman, The Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

## NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

A letter from Ichang says:—The weather is fine and mild; the price of rice is going down daily, to the great satisfaction of the poor. Coals on the other hand are getting dearer; most of them are brought here from Peking, Hien, and two of the mines there have lately given way and paved in from insufficient proving.

The Kiangsamen men have long held an unenviable reputation for "knavishness." A favorite trick of theirs is to convey the unwary passenger to the middle of the Yangtze, and then levy blackmail before they allow him to complete the crossing. The District Magistrate Wang has now issued a proclamation fixing a tariff of 24 cash per passenger ferried across the Yangtze, any attempt at increasing which will be severely punished.

The "Yen Sheng Kuang," or Duke Confucius, lately sent an officer, of his suite, to Kiangtze to buy porcelain ware, for use in sacrificial ceremonies. The two boats loaded with these works of art were anchored a short time at Kiangtze to allow of Customs inspection; afterwards they sailed on their way via Ta'ing-kiang to K'ou Fou, in Yen-chow Fu, Shantung, the ancestral home of the sage. (Williams says the above is a title of the official descendant of Confucius conferred A.D. 1055; and still held by him.)

The Imperial Decree issued on the 8th inst. shows that the young Emperor is taking a lively interest in all matters and evidently things that the Viceroy and Governors are holding too

much power, and putting on more airs than necessary. "For the Decree states that all the high civil officials more or less look down upon their brother military high officers, the reason being that a great many military mandarins were originally promoted from the ranks of the common soldiers therefore they do not know how to carry themselves befittingly for their position or rank." (In this the young Emperor refers himself to the Decrees issued by the previous Emperors Tung-ching and Kien-lung, who comment upon the same matter.) Therefore he now directs the Viceroy and Governors to show proper courtesy due to high military officers, either in interviews or in official communications, and requests the latter not to humble themselves too much and lose their self-respect. In fact they must act towards each other according to the established rules of official etiquette. These are to be carried out in future, except by those who are holding the brevet rank. It further states that in case the high military officers should act wantonly and overstep their right, or be rather arrogant in any way upon the receipt of this Decree, they are to be reported to the Throne.

The murder of a mandarin by a slave is reported from Shanghai. The murdered man had been a district magistrate, but was degraded on account of some misdemeanour. After collecting and borrowing some money he made up a sum of Tls. 6,000, and with this he started for Peking with the intention of purchasing another mandarinship. He took with him a slave and the latter's son and while en route they stayed in a hotel. There they killed their master during the night, and they then wrapped the body in his own bedding, and early next morning departed after paying their bill and telling the hotel keeper their master had already gone ahead. They carried the dead body for about 180 li, when they thought they would get rid of their ghastly burden, and put up at another hotel. Here in the night they dropped the bed and body into a well at the back of the house, thinking no one saw them. Luckily the watchman was awake for once and saw them, and thinking they were thieves, he waited until the next morning to report the matter to his employer. In the morning he related what he saw, saying there was a bundle of bedding in the well, and then had the bundle taken out and the murder was discovered. The hotel-keeper at once went to the two lodgers' room and found they had already taken flight. But they were pursued and caught, when the slaves' matters would be serious for him, he took poison and committed suicide, but the son has been handed over to the proper authorities to be dealt with by them.

The *Peking Gazette* of the 16th ultimo has the following with reference to the reclamation of alluvial land in the Kuangtung province:—One of the great administrative problems to Chang Chi-lung has devoted his attention during his term of office at Canton has been the registration and assessment—for purposes of revenue of foreshore land in the province of Kuangtung. This land was formerly divided into two classes, reclaimed and un reclaimed, the former of which paid taxes in rice money on the same scale as superior land in the P'au-yu district, while the latter being poor soil impregnated with a deposit of salt was subject to only a payment of one cash or so per mu. Both kinds of ground were held under documents issued as proof of ownership either by the Financial Commissioner of the province or the magistrate of the district. Two or three years ago the Viceroy proposed that these instruments should all be recalled, that the unreclaimed land should be measured and assessed according to quality, and that titles of ownership should be issued by the Board of Revenue to replace the old documents. For purposes of assessment the land was to be divided into three classes—superior, medium, and inferior soil. The Board acceded to the proposal and forwarded 10,000 title deeds to Canton to facilitate its being carried into effect. On their arrival, however, it was found that they had been made out only for the two first kinds of soil and were not applicable to the case of inferior ground. This the Viceroy considers to have been a grave mistake, as it is with regard to the ownership of the poorer class of beach land, and therefore division is most likely to arise. Besides, great pains have been taken to ascertain the measurement and the names of the holders of this class of property, all of which will be so much labour wasted if it is not now placed under a secure form of tenure. To remedy the mistake the Viceroy has taken the responsibility of altering a portion of the documents in such a way as to make them applicable to the lower class of soil which, if it has been reclaimed, is to be made liable to the payment of land tax after a limit of five years. The alluvial flats in the Hsin-an district are soaked with brackish water and therefore inferior in quality to the corresponding class of soil in Helang-shan, Tung-wan, and other districts. That, however, no exception may be made, they will be included in the present scheme for the issue of Government title deeds but under more liberal terms than have been granted elsewhere.

## KOREA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)  
Ssai, 31st November, 1889.



gone down on business and may be expected back about end of December.

The N. Y. K. steamship *Ku Maru*, sister ship of the *Higo*, is due here on the 26th instant, to load a cargo of beans, etc., for Kobe. This is the first token of the plentiful harvests with which poor Korea has been favoured this year. Next spring we may expect several extra steamers here to take away our surplus stock of beans and rice. Go it, Fah Chosen! Sell all you can spare. Don't lay up a store to serve you in times of drought. Think only of to-day; *maskee* to-morrow!

Mr. C. A. Welch, who has been in Korea for the past six years, originally in the Korean Customs, and lately in Messrs. Morse and Townsend's house, has, after being feasted and toasted in all directions left us to take up an appointment in the China and Japan Trading Co. at Nagasaki. — *Shanghai Mercury*.

## A DEFENCE OF THE NUDE.

A nude picture or statue, unless made so by the artist, is not essentially offensive to any pure mind. Whether it invokes censure or admiration depends on the mental spectacles through which it is seen. The spiritual, like the visible physical eye, if diseased, distorts all objects. It is the "Mind's eye" that perceives what is good or bad, chaste or unchaste. When Adam and Eve dwelt in Paradise before they ate

Of that forbidden tree, whose fruit the taste brought down to them the world and all our woe,

they beheld their nakedness without shame. It was only when their sight had been perverted by sin that they clothed themselves with fig leaves. The moral of that fact is now, as it was then, that only a depraved mind can see anything revolting in that nudity which our first parents, when innocent, regarded without a blush. It is true that all their offspring are sinful by inheritance, but not equally so. Great in number are many who are comparatively pure. They behold nothing in a picture of a nude human form but its beauty and the skill of the artist.

There are women who daily observe their naked figure in a mirror with supreme satisfaction, and delight themselves with that amusement. When a dirty street-crossing affords them an apparent excuse for it, they lift their skirts to show their feet and legs, if they are exceptionally handsome. Worse than that, they go to fashionable balls and receptions with their backs and breasts so bare as to disgust even the most immodest men. They make themselves like-minded with the equally conspicuous at our seaside resorts during the bathing hour. Yet, when they behold a painting of a woman just as Eve appeared in Eden before the fall, they scream with affected horror. There are also hypocrites of the masculine gender, secretly guilty of shameless lewdness, who, to gain a reputation for uncommon virtue, pretend to be revolted by even the most delicately drawn and exquisitely colored portrait of a mythological nymph or goddess. Furthermore, this pretense is ridiculous as to nullify on an artist's canvas is ridiculed by the fact that the so-called best society men and women go to the theaters night after night, where young ballet girls show their legs in lights up to their thighs, and even crowd thither to behold Mrs. James Brown Potter, in the role of Cleopatra, expose her limbs in a diaphanous drapery that does not hide her nakedness from head to foot. Hence, of course, our prudish preaching is quite inconsistent with our practice.

The ancients were not afraid of the nude in art. They loved art for itself, seeing nothing in that suggested vulgar ideas, and did not fear that it would degrade, but rather elevate them morally and intellectually. For example, the *Praxiteles*, preserved at Florence, and now known as the *Venus de Medici*, was a famous courtesan named *Phryne*. It is related of *Zexis*, one of the greatest of the Hellenic painters, who excelled in painting female beauty, that the people of Crete, wanting him to paint a naked Helen, showed him a great number of the most beautiful boys, saying that from them he might easily guess the beauty of their sisters. "No," said he, "I want the young women." Untiringly their separate perfections in his picture, and he is said to have produced a miracle of beauty. Vice, like virtue, may be the result of education. Any human soul originally chaste, by habitually making itself conversant with what is unchaste, may become so corrupted that it can see nothing but unchastity in anything.

This is the fate of Mr. Comstock, the C. R. Bennett of New York, the poor devil who supposes he has been divinely commissioned as a propagandist of purity in fine art. His judgment in that respect is so debased that he might as well hale an angel to a New York Alderman should he ever be fortunate enough to behold one without either earthly or celestial raiment. Outside of the limit of positive decency he is quite right. But beyond that he is foolishly fanatical. Pictures of nearly naked women in the windows of cigar stores may be fairly objectionable because they possess no artistic merit; but a *Venus* by the greatest of the ancient masters should not be so condemned. The perfect beauty of a work of art ought to arrest the eye and interest the mind outside of its subject. Art in its expression should exclude all ideas of immorality. It alone should be observed, and therefore, provoke no unnecessary censorious criticism. — *Philadelphia Telegraph*.

## Today's Advertisements.

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY.  
(Calling at Colombo if sufficient indorsement off.)

THE P. & O. S. N. K's Steamship

"KHIVA" will leave for the above places, on FRIDAY, the 20th December, at NOON.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1554]

HONGKONG JO' KEY CLUB, RACE MEETING, 1890.

HONGKONG DERBY.

SWEETSTAKES of \$30 each, half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing. Entries, with \$100 added for 1st Pony, and \$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies *Bona fide* Giffins at date of Entry, (SATURDAY, 25th January, 1890) First Pony, 70 per cent.; Second, 20 per cent.; Third, 10 per cent.; Weight 10st. 10lbs. One-mile-and-a-half (Nominations close to the Clerk of the Course at the Club on SATURDAY, the 28th December, 1889.)

E. H. G. REBOOTH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1556]

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 525.

THE Sunnyside, No. 31, for LODGE of EMERGENCY, to be held on Friday, the 13th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely, is hereby CANCELLED.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1558]

## Today's Advertisements.

If you wish to meet a friend between the hours of 2.30 p.m. and Eleven o'clock go to

WOODYEAR'S ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CIRCUS.

The Fashionable Resort of Hongkong.

OPEN TWICE DAILY:

at 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Location of our Marquee:

the

OLD CENTRAL MARKET.

REDUCED PRICES! REDUCED PRICES!!

PRICES OF ADMISSION:—

Boxes of 6 Chairs ..... \$9.00

Single Seats in Boxes ..... 1.50

Dress Circle Chairs ..... 1.00

Stalls, Carpeted Seats ..... 0.50

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform—to Pit 25 Cents.

SEATS AND BOXES can be reserved at KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

ROBERT LOVE, General Agent.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1537]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"NINGPO."

Captain R. Köhler, will be despatched for the above Port, on FRIDAY, the 13th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1551]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOKIEN,"

Captain Lewis, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 13th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1555]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIPHONG,"

Captain Harris, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 15th December, at DAYLIGHT, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1547]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"ARRATON APCAR"

are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th inst., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are hereby informed, that all claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 15th instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1889. [1536]

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "PORT AUGUSTA,"

FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE above Steamship having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1889. [1533]

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS Company is now prepared to SUPPLY

best quality PORTLAND CEMENT.

J. FOREMAN, Secretary.

61, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, Hongkong, 3rd December, 1889. [1518]

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

## THE HALL &amp; HOLTZ C. CO., LIMITED.

HIGH CLASS CABINET MAKERS, UPHOLSTERERS, CARPET FACTORS, GENERAL HOUSE, and OFFICE FURNISHERS and DECORATORS, PICTURE-FRAME MAKERS, POLISHERS, GILDERS, and SIGN WRITERS.

FURNITURE RE-UPHOLSTERED, &c., BEDDING RE-MADE OR ALTERED,

only the best workmen employed and all Materials are absolutely guaranteed. Cornices to match

Furniture in any style or color, Carving, &c., done on the premises, Furniture and Floors, Stained

Varnished and Polished equal to new.

NOTE.—Our Second Shipment to hand of NEW CURTAIN and DRAPERY MATERIALS

and TRIMMINGS, CARPETS in ART COLORS, DINNER SERVICES, GLASS WARE,

FIRE BRASSES, FENDERS, and DOGS, BASSINETTES, &c., &c.

NOVELTIES in PLUSH and SATIN CUSHIONS, POUFFE STOOLS, FANCY

TABLES, ART MUSLINS, &c., for CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS and PRESENTS.

THE HALL & HOLTZ C. CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1889. [1512]

HONGKONG LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE NEXT MEETING will be held at

Bank Building, TO-MORROW, the

12th instant, commencing at 8.15 P.M. The

subject for debate will be "Is not too much

time devoted to Music in Middle Class

Education?"

Hongkong, 10th December 1889. [1550]

THE TRUST AND LOAN COMPANY OF

CHINA, JAPAN AND STRAITS, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ..... 1,000,000

in 100,000 Shares.

I sue, price to guineas, payable—

10/- on Application.

15/- on Allotment.

10/- in course of two months.

APPLICATIONS for Shares in the above

Company will be received by the

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation

up to 3 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 13th December,

and each application must be accompanied by

the equivalent of 10/- per Share, calculated

at 3/2d.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1889. [1551]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 18th to the

31st instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents,

Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1889. [1549]

THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.

TENDERS are invited for the COMPLE-

TION of the SUPERSTRUCTURE of the

Company's VESSEL, now moored at Yau-

tsai. Tenders, under sealed cover marked

"Tenders for the Marina" to be sent on or

before the 15th December, to the Undersigned,

where plans, form of Tender, and orders to view

can be obtained.

W. ST. JOHN H. HANCOCK, C.E.,

3, Beaconsfield Arcade.

Hongkong, 29th November, 1889. [1548]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE KWON KWAN YEEN CHALLENGE

CUPS.

THE Fourth Competition for the 1st Stage

"IMPORTANT NOTICE."

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

INVITE special attention to their last Ship-

ments of

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS,

JUST TO HAND.

A full Assortment of First Class Goods is

now on View, including a Choice Selection of

MARION'S PAINTED OPALS, and all the latest

Novelties of the best English and Continental

Artists to be found in the Market.

CHRISTMAS CONFECTIONERY.

We are now offering a good variety of this

Class of Goods, all in splendid condition, at

Moderate Prices, comprising:—

CHOCOLATS, CHOCOLATE CREAMS, CHOICE

FRENCH SWEETS, BURNT and SUGARED

JORDAN ALMONDS, &c.

FANCY CRACKERS, &c.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

We have just received and opened out a First

Class Assortment of NEW PATENT CAM-

ERAS, LENSES and appliances of all kinds,

suitable for both Amateurs and Professionals.

The Cameras and Lenses are of Exceptional

quality, specially made for use in tropical

climates, and fitted with all the latest improve-

ments.

Cheap Sets of Apparatus for Amateurs and

Travellers. Three sizes (viz.) 1 1/2, 2 1/2, and

4 1/2. Complete in strong Wood Cabinets.

DRY PLATES—Thomas, Ilford, Britannia,

&c., kept in stock.

Photo Chemicals and Sundries of all kinds at

Moderate Prices.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1889. [1536]

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF

SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EX-TRA-

ORDINARY MEETING will be held

at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY,

the 16th day of January, 1890, at Twelve

o'clock Noon, when in accordance with the

requirements of Article 96 of the Deed of Settle-

ment of the Corporation, the Shareholders will

be requested to authorize the Directors to accept

as Ordinance passed by the Governor in

Council of Hongkong amending the Hongkong

## Intimations.

COLONY OF HONGKONG.

REMOVAL OF OLD CEMETERY.

THE Old Colonial Cemetery, at Wan-tai, in the above Colony, having become surrounded by a dense population of Chinese of the poorer classes, it is found difficult to keep it in a condition of decency and cleanliness; it is THEREFORE NOTIFIED that it is proposed reverently and decently to remove all monuments and tombstones in such Cemetery, as well as all remains which may be found there, to the existing Colonial Cemetery in the Happy Valley, where such remains will be re-interred.

The monuments will be repaired and grouped round a plain memorial stone on which it will be stated from what part of the Colony they have been removed.

Survivors, friends, or relatives who may desire to make any objection to this removal, are requested to address the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong within six months from this date.

A list of the remaining monuments is appended.

By Command, A. LISTER, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th October, 1889. [1531]

OLD COLONIAL CEMETERY.

LIST OF INSCRIPTIONS ON TOMBSTONES.

Number on Plan, Name, Date.

1.—John Ambrose Mercer, Esq., 20th Aug., 1843.

2.—Alexander Scott, Esq., 24th Aug., 1841.

3.—Mr. John Slade, 2nd Aug., 1843.

4.—William Brodie, Master in the Royal Navy, late Commander H. M. troopship

*Rattlesnake*, 17th June, 1841.

5.—E. J. Hume, of U.S.S. *Constellation*, 14th Sept., 1842.

6.—Aug. Fred. Singer, 19th Oct., 1841.

7.—Lieut. Oliver Charles Anketell, 37th Reg. Madras Native Infantry, 13th July, 1841.



## Commercial.

**CLOSING QUOTATIONS.**  
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—18 5 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$103 per share, buyers.  
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$72 per share, buyers.  
 North China Insurance—Tls. 350 per share, buyers.  
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$130 per share.  
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 96 per share.  
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.  
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$321 per share, buyers.  
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$88 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—63 per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$41 per share, sellers.  
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—100 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$100 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per-cent. Debentures—\$50.  
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—15 per cent. dis. buyers.  
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$64 per share, sellers.  
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$213 per share, buyers.  
 Luson Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$49 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$108 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.  
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$23 per share, sellers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—B—24 per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886—E—11 per cent. premium.  
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$100 per share, buyers.  
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share.  
 Punjion and Sunghie Doo Samantan Mining Co.—\$22 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$90 per share, sales and buyers.  
 Tongqua Coal Mining Co.—\$400 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—200 per cent. prem., sellers.  
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$61 per share, sellers.  
 The Sengul Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$61 per share, buyers.  
 Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, nom.  
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.  
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—par, nominal.  
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, buyers.  
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.  
 The Green Island Cement Co. (Old Issue)—\$43 per share, buyers.  
 The Green Island Cement Co. (New Issue)—\$61 per share, buyers.  
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$96 per share, buyers.  
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Ltd.—\$4 per share, buyers.  
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$30 per share, buyers.  
 The West Point Buildings Co., Ltd.—\$45 per share, buyers.  
 The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$24 per share, sellers.  
 The Labuk Planting Co., Ltd.—\$17 per share, buyers.  
 The Jebeu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$51 per share, sellers.  
 The Selama Tin Mining Co., Ltd.—\$4 per share, nominal.  
 The Shamen Hotel Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, nominal.  
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$16 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong Marine, Limited—25 per cent. premium, buyers.

## EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. .... 3/2  
 Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/2  
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 3/2  
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/3  
 Credits at 4 months' sight ..... 3/3  
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/3  
 ON PARIS.—  
 Bank Bills, on demand ..... 4.00  
 Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 4.12  
 ON INDIA, T. T. .... 22 1/2  
 On Demand ..... 22 1/2  
 ON SHANGHAI.—  
 Bank, T. T. .... 72  
 Private, 30 days' sight ..... 73

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

10th December, 1889.—At 4 p.m.									
STATION	Wind	Temp.	Humidity	Bar.	Dir.	Force	State	Clouds	Remarks
Widdowstock	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Nagasaki	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hongkong	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Amoy	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Swatow	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hongkong	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Swatow	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Amoy	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Swatow	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Shanghai	10.18	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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